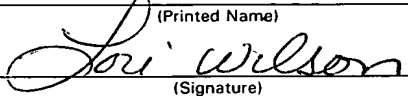


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This communication is responsive to the first Office Action mailed September 16, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:



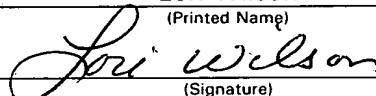
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Respectfully submitted,

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